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In Bosnia and Herzegovina in the month of September 2023, tourists made 188 634 visits, which is 15.5% less compared to August 2023 and 18.6% less compared to September 2022. Tourists made 375 145 overnight stays, which is 27.7% less compared to August 2023 and 13.8% more compared to September 2022. In the total number of overnight stays, the participation of domestic tourists is 31.0%, while the participation of foreign tourists is 69.0%.

The number of overnight stays by domestic tourists decreased by 16.4% compared to August 2023 and decreased by 4.8% compared to September 2022. The number of overnight stays by foreign tourists decreased by 31.9% compared to August 2023 and increased 24.8% compared to September 2022.

In the structure of overnight stays by foreign tourists in September 2023, the most overnight stays were made by tourists from Serbia (9.8%), Croatia (9.0%), Turkey (8.7%), Saudi Arabia (8.5%), Germany (5.7%), Slovenia (5.0%), USA (4.4%), France (3.5%) and Poland (3.3%), which is a total of 57.9%. Tourists from other countries accounted for 42.1% of overnight stays.

Regarding the length of stay of foreign tourists in our country, the first place is occupied by tourists from Latvia with 5.3 nights, Iceland with 5.0 nights, Ireland with 4.1 nights, Kuwait with 3.8 nights each, Egypt and Estonia with 3.3 nights each, France with 3.0 nights on average.

In September 2023, 19 888 rooms, apartments and camping sites were available to tourists in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is 0.6% more than in September 2022, and 44 072 available beds, which is 2.4% more than on the same month in 2022.

In September 2023, a total of 18 157 rooms and apartments were available to tourists within the scope of activities - Hotels and similar accommodation, which is 1.8% more compared to September 2022, and 38 458 beds, which is 3.5% more compared to the same month of the previous year.

The net room occupancy rate in September 2023 was 39.9%, and of permanent beds 30.7%, while in September 2022, the occupancy rate of rooms was 35.6%, and of permanent beds 27.8%.

According to the type of accommodation facility, the largest number of overnight stays was achieved within the Hotels and similar accommodation sector with the participation of 94.3%.

Graph 1: Tourist nights by months September 2022. - September 2023.

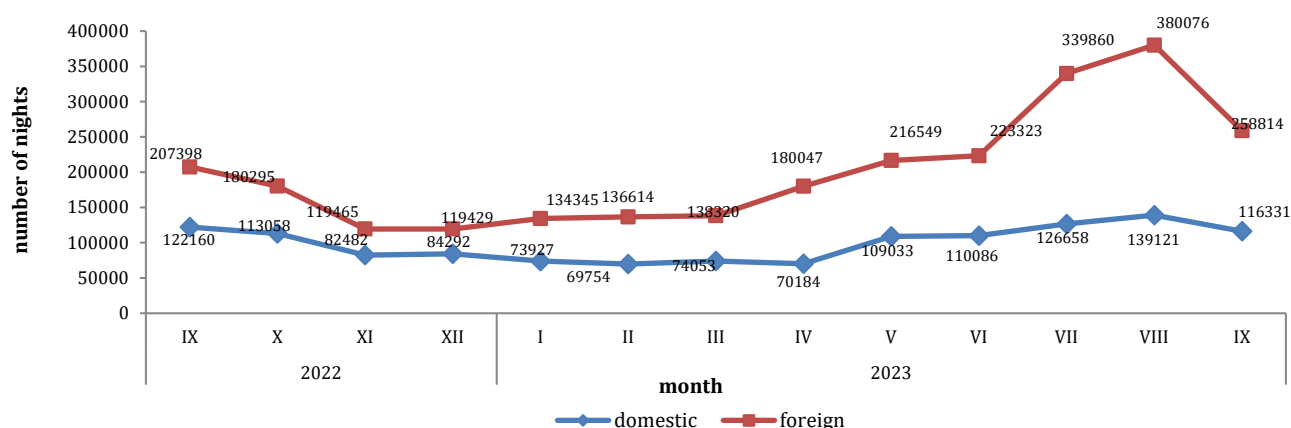


Table 1: Tourist arrivals and nights

	Arrivals					Nights					IX 2023	
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TOTAL	159.036	223.213	188.634	84,5	118,6	329.558	519.197	375.145	72,3	113,8	100,0	2,0
Domestic tourist	55.699	53.792	54.415	101,2	97,7	122.160	139.121	116.331	83,6	95,2	31,0	2,1
Foreign tourist	103.337	169.421	134.219	79,2	129,9	207.398	380.076	258.814	68,1	124,8	69,0	1,9

*final data

Graph 2: Tourist arrivals by months September 2022. - September 2023.

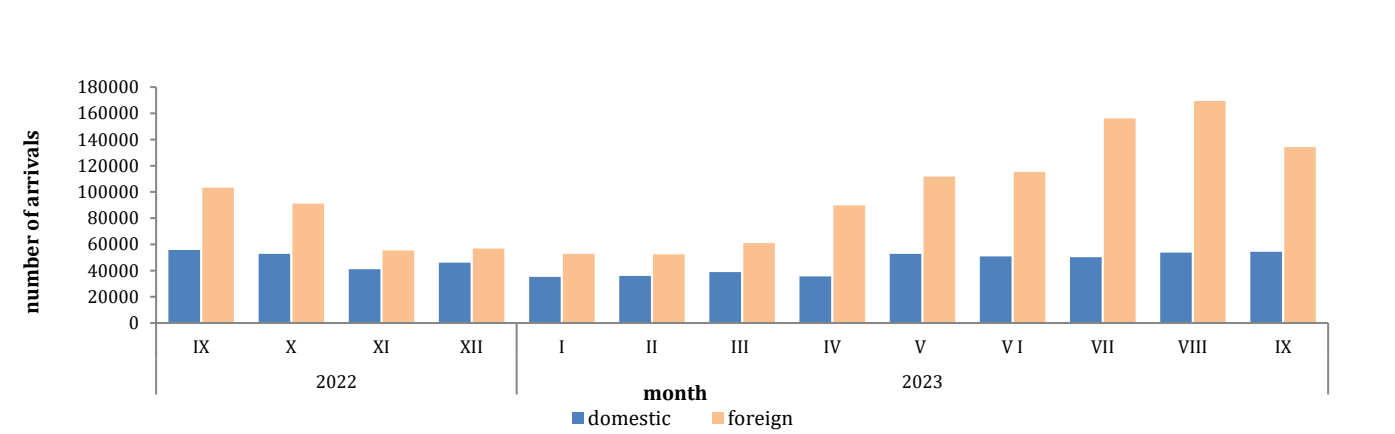


Table 2: Foreign tourist arrivals and nights, by country of residence

	Arrivals					Nights					IX 2023	
	IX 2022*	VIII 2023	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 VIII 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2022	IX 2022*	VIII 2023	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 VIII 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2022	Structure of nights %	Average number of nights by arrivals
Total foreign tourist	103.337	169.421	134.219	79,2	129,9	207.398	380.076	258.814	68,1	124,8	100,0	1,9
Albania	496	245	440	179,6	88,7	938	820	1.054	128,5	112,4	0,4	2,4
Austria	2.794	5.644	3.272	58,0	117,1	5.068	11.739	5.663	48,2	111,7	2,2	1,7
Belgium	1.060	996	1.204	120,9	113,6	2.114	2.565	2.468	96,2	116,7	1,0	2,0
Bulgaria	763	802	976	121,7	127,9	1.465	1.807	1.844	102,0	125,9	0,7	1,9
Montenegro	2.363	2.034	3.013	148,1	127,5	4.497	5.371	6.138	114,3	136,5	2,4	2,0
Czech Republic	1.197	1.309	1.239	94,7	103,5	1.797	2.299	2.452	106,7	136,4	0,9	2,0
Denmark	772	650	769	118,3	99,6	2.280	1.957	1.975	100,9	86,6	0,8	2,6
Estonia	89	203	74	36,5	83,1	132	289	246	85,1	186,4	0,1	3,3
Finland	237	139	282	202,9	119,0	513	289	623	215,6	121,4	0,2	2,2
France	2.640	3.237	3.012	93,0	114,1	9.208	10.446	8.956	85,7	97,3	3,5	3,0
Greece	981	2.043	972	47,6	99,1	1.865	4.934	1.994	40,4	106,9	0,8	2,1
Netherlands	2.487	3.575	2.298	64,3	92,4	6.318	8.319	6.099	73,3	96,5	2,4	2,7
Croatia	10.306	13.786	12.132	88,0	117,7	18.615	29.316	23.271	79,4	125,0	9,0	1,9
Ireland	527	441	446	101,1	84,6	1.960	1.159	1.835	158,3	93,6	0,7	4,1
Iceland	18	53	56	105,7	311,1	28	98	280	285,7	1)	0,1	5,0
Italy	2.692	5.604	2.817	50,3	104,6	5.793	11.573	5.689	49,2	98,2	2,2	2,0
Cyprus	68	271	43	15,9	63,2	152	503	73	14,5	48,0	0,0	1,7
Latvia	66	152	76	50,0	115,2	113	832	403	48,4	356,6	0,2	5,3
Lithuania	132	189	173	91,5	131,1	286	278	278	100,0	97,2	0,1	1,6
Luxembourg	192	267	71	26,6	37,0	328	530	123	23,2	37,5	0,0	1,7
Hungary	2.284	2.994	2.660	88,8	116,5	3.663	6.427	4.280	66,6	116,8	1,7	1,6

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Malta	115	198	337	170,2	293,0	192	406	766	188,7	399,0	0,3	2,3
Norway	489	623	521	83,6	106,5	913	1.454	1.025	70,5	112,3	0,4	2,0
Germany	6.106	9.237	7.324	79,3	119,9	12.672	21.031	14.821	70,5	117,0	5,7	2,0
Poland	4.597	4.213	3.649	86,6	79,4	10.536	10.529	8.625	81,9	81,9	3,3	2,4
Portugal	261	418	310	74,2	118,8	421	851	673	79,1	159,9	0,3	2,2
Romania	865	875	823	94,1	95,1	2.089	1.496	1.283	85,8	61,4	0,5	1,6
Russian Federation	618	846	776	91,7	125,6	1.119	1.800	1.651	91,7	147,5	0,6	2,1
North Macedonia	897	766	1.386	180,9	154,5	1.796	1.508	2.671	177,1	148,7	1,0	1,9
Slovakia	482	922	723	78,4	150,0	870	1.772	1.256	70,9	144,4	0,5	1,7
Slovenia	6.501	7.538	7.175	95,2	110,4	11.336	15.104	12.894	85,4	113,7	5,0	1,8
Serbia	13.029	13.055	14.193	108,7	108,9	23.041	28.717	25.318	88,2	109,9	9,8	1,8
Spain	1.178	2.729	1.648	60,4	139,9	3.007	5.059	3.078	60,8	102,4	1,2	1,9
Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)	1.251	2.148	1.335	62,2	106,7	2.467	4.500	2.547	56,6	103,2	1,0	1,9
Sweden	1.305	1.701	1.001	58,8	76,7	2.573	4.060	2.260	55,7	87,8	0,9	2,3
Turkey	8.704	21.689	17.741	81,8	203,8	11.655	28.085	22.552	80,3	193,5	8,7	1,3
United Kingdom	1.555	1.916	1.535	80,1	98,7	3.549	4.790	3.544	74,0	99,9	1,4	2,3
Ukraine	198	366	273	74,6	137,9	476	898	756	84,2	158,8	0,3	2,8
Other European countries	434	427	226	52,9	52,1	952	1.319	690	52,3	72,5	0,3	3,1
Egypt	72	162	69	42,6	95,8	189	514	230	44,7	121,7	0,1	3,3
South Africa	31	40	89	222,5	287,1	55	65	151	232,3	274,5	0,1	1,7
Other African countries	172	240	381	158,8	221,5	454	770	713	92,6	157,0	0,3	1,9
Canada	955	766	1.016	132,6	106,4	1.819	1.906	2.069	108,6	113,7	0,8	2,0
USA	3.852	4.268	5.652	132,4	146,7	7.642	10.351	11.460	110,7	150,0	4,4	2,0
Other Northern American countries	429	171	183	107,0	42,7	798	285	354	124,2	44,4	0,1	1,9
Brazil	324	367	834	227,2	257,4	636	711	1.337	188,0	210,2	0,5	1,6
Other Southern and Central American countries	734	580	1.494	257,6	203,5	1.238	1.202	2.513	209,1	203,0	1,0	1,7
Bahrain	279	1.241	194	15,6	69,5	924	3.791	490	12,9	53,0	0,2	2,5
India	235	360	378	105,0	160,9	484	770	666	86,5	137,6	0,3	1,8
Iran	21	70	57	81,4	271,4	65	258	174	67,4	267,7	0,1	3,1
Israel	1.069	3.258	1.449	44,5	135,5	2.321	8.298	2.974	35,8	128,1	1,1	2,1
Japan	89	264	169	64,0	189,9	210	469	311	66,3	148,1	0,1	1,8
Republic of Korea	483	1.422	1.334	93,8	276,2	548	2.176	1.826	83,9	333,2	0,7	1,4
Qatar	120	1.141	270	23,7	225,0	333	4.126	622	15,1	186,8	0,2	2,3
China	465	2.743	4.000	145,8	860,2	877	3.986	5.426	136,1	618,7	2,1	1,4
Kuwait	2.063	5.071	1.954	38,5	94,7	8.126	18.755	7.489	39,9	92,2	2,9	3,8
Malaysia	1.599	486	1.162	239,1	72,7	1.924	644	1.456	226,1	75,7	0,6	1,3
Oman	1.413	3.491	1.680	48,1	118,9	3.152	9.192	3.481	37,9	110,4	1,3	2,1
Saudi Arabia	3.459	19.550	9.609	49,2	277,8	7.735	48.156	21.881	45,4	282,9	8,5	2,3
United Arab Emirates	1.975	5.406	1.510	27,9	76,5	5.344	17.617	4.145	23,5	77,6	1,6	2,7
Other Asian countries	1.992	2.089	2.105	100,8	105,7	4.315	6.281	3.637	57,9	84,3	1,4	1,7
Australia	598	1.750	1.273	72,7	212,9	1.081	4.411	2.610	59,2	241,4	1,0	2,1
New Zealand	91	137	185	135,0	203,3	218	341	415	121,7	190,4	0,2	2,2
Other countries of Oceania	68	47	171	363,8	251,5	113	71	230	323,9	203,5	0,1	1,3

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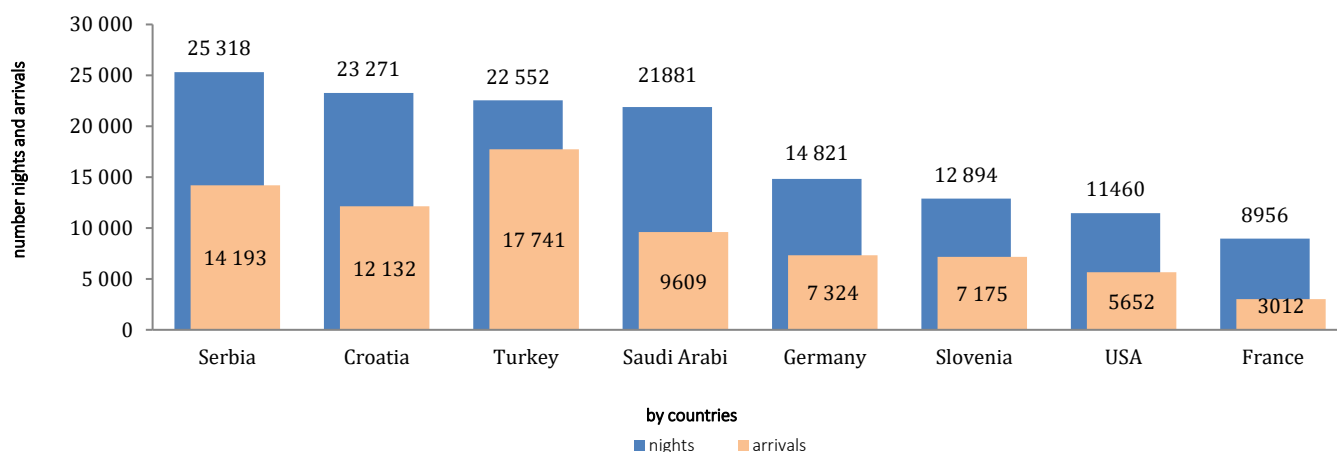


Table 3: Tourist arrivals and nights according to the classification of activities ²⁾

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TOTAL	159.036	223.213	188.634	84,5	118,6	329.558	519.197	375.145	72,3	113,8	100,0
Hotels and similar accommodation	152.777	211.020	181.187	85,9	118,6	309.260	481.162	353.614	73,5	114,3	94,3
Holiday and other short-stay accommodation	3.577	7.962	4.308	54,1	120,4	8.430	24.168	10.416	43,1	123,6	2,8
Camps and camping grounds	1.760	3.386	2.343	69,2	133,1	3.550	6.794	4.238	62,4	119,4	1,1
Other accommodation	922	845	796	94,2	86,3	8.318	7.073	6.877	97,2	82,7	1,8
Domaći turisti	55.699	53.792	54.415	101,2	97,7	122.160	139.121	116.331	83,6	95,2	31,0
Hotels and similar accommodation	52.655	49.170	51.140	104,0	97,1	110.281	122.205	104.326	85,4	94,6	27,8
Holiday and other short-stay accommodation	1.804	3.280	2.040	62,2	113,1	3.572	9.352	4.674	50,0	130,9	1,2
Camps and camping grounds	494	670	536	80,0	108,5	958	1.168	844	72,3	88,1	0,2
Other accommodation	746	672	699	104,0	93,7	7.349	6.396	6.487	101,4	88,3	1,7
Strani turisti	103.337	169.421	134.219	79,2	129,9	207.398	380.076	258.814	68,1	124,8	69,0
Hotels and similar accommodation	100.122	161.850	130.047	80,4	129,9	198.979	358.957	249.288	69,4	125,3	66,5
Holiday and other short-stay accommodation	1.773	4.682	2.268	48,4	127,9	4.858	14.816	5.742	38,8	118,2	1,5
Camps and camping grounds	1.266	2.716	1.807	66,5	142,7	2.592	5.626	3.394	60,3	130,9	0,9
Other accommodation	176	173	97	56,1	55,1	969	677	390	57,6	40,2	0,1

²⁾ The Classification of Economic Activities of BiH 2010

*final data

Table 4: Tourist arrivals and nights, by type of organisation of tourist trips

	Individual arrangement						Organised trip					
	Arrivals			Nights			Arrivals			Nights		
	IX 2022*	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2023	IX 2022*	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2023	IX 2022*	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2023	IX 2022*	IX 2023	Indices IX 2023 IX 2023
Total	114.712	135.187	117,8	235.256	266.518	113,3	44.324	53.447	120,6	94.302	108.627	115,2
Domestic tourist	44.304	44.102	99,5	95.160	88.778	93,3	11.395	10.313	90,5	27.000	27.553	102,0
Foreign tourist	70.408	91.085	129,4	140.096	177.740	126,9	32.929	43.134	131,0	67.302	81.074	120,5

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METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the statistical survey

The purpose of the statistical survey is to monitor the tourist activity realised in commercial accommodation establishments and to provide internationally comparable BiH's tourism statistics in accordance with current EU Regulations for the tourism statistics.

Observation units

Observation units are all business entities /legal units which are, by the main activity, registered in accommodation activity (division 55 - KD BiH 2010), persons as well as households that rent accommodation establishments to tourists.

For the purpose of the survey, Classification of Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina - KD BiH 2010 was used, and it is fully compliant with the European Classification of Economic Activities - NACE Rev. 2.

Coverage

Reporting units are all business entities (enterprises, craftsmen, cooperatives, institutions, associations etc.) and their constituent units that are registered according to KD BiH 2010 under section : 55.1 (hotels and similar accommodation), 55.2 (holiday and other short - stay accommodation), 55.3 (camps and camping grounds), 55.9 (other uncategorised accommodation), health care institutions in which person themselves bear the fee for medical rehabilitation or their stay: business entities that deal with the mediation of accommodation of guests in: households, houses, camps, apartments and rooms which are directly rented by private persons/households. Survey covers the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Source and methods of data collection

Data on tourists turnover (number of tourist arrivals and tourist nights) are collected from regular monthly report (TU-11 form). Reports are usually made based on reception records in guest books, entities and their parts engaged in organising and arranging of tourists.

Data revision

Regular press releases on tourism are published in monthly dynamics and contain preliminary / first results until the final data are published. The first regular revision of data implies that, when publishing data for the next month, the published data from the previous month (t-1) are revised in accordance with the information submitted by the reporting unit. The second regular revision of previously published data is the annual revision, which includes all changes in the data submitted after the first revision, in order to ensure the accuracy of the published data.

The press release clearly indicates what the data are, so that users of the statistics can interpret them correctly. If new statistical standards and concepts are introduced, changes in the research methodology are made, it is necessary to revise the data to ensure the consistency and comparability of data from previous historical series and new data series.

Users will be informed about changes in data and reasons in an appropriate and transparent manner, in regular monthly press releases and other publications for the public, as well as on the website of the BiH Agency for Statistics (www.bhas.gov.ba).

Definitions

Tourism means the activity of visitors taking a trip to a main destination outside their usual environment for less than a year, for leisure, business or other personal purpose other than to be employed by a resident entity in the place visited.

Tourist is every person who, outside his place of permanent residence, spends one night in a hotel or some other accommodation facility for reasons of rest, recreation, health, study, sport, religion, family, business, public tasks or meeting. Tourist is registered in every place or establishment where he stays and, therefore, in case of change of place or establishment, he must register again, which results in data ambiguity. Consequently, the statistics registers the number of tourist arrivals, not the number of tourists.

Residence is a place where a person came with the intention of permanent stay. Tourist is registered in every place or establishment where he stays and, therefore, in case he/she changes the place or establishment, he/she must register again, which results in data ambiguity. Consequently, the statistics register the number of tourist arrivals and not the number of tourists.

Domestic tourist is a person with permanent residence in the BiH who spends at least one night in a hotel or same other accommodation establishment outside their place or residence.

Foreign tourist is every person with permanent residence outside in BiH who temporarily resides in BiH and who spends at least one night in a hotel or same other accommodation establishment.

Tourist arrivals refer to the number of persons (tourists) who arrived and registered their stay in an accommodation establishment.

Tourist nights refer to every registered overnight stay of a person (tourist) in an accommodation establishment.

Accommodation capacities are presented as the number of rooms, apartments and camping sites, and the number of permanent beds.

Permanent beds are those that are regularly ready-made for renting to guests.

Occupancy rate of permanent beds (net) in the reference period is obtained by dividing the total number of nights by the number of beds on offer and the number of days when the beds are actually available for use during the reference period. The data are expressed as a percentage.

Occupancy rate of bedrooms (net) in the reference period is obtained by dividing the total number of bedrooms used during the reference period by the number of bedrooms available for use during the reference period. The data is expressed as a percentage.

Organization of tourist arrivals represent the way of organising tourist arrangements. Depending on the way of organising, tourist arrangement can be individual or organised (travel agencies).

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